

## MINUTES - OCTOBER 16, 2008

**Members Present:** Charleen Smith, Dr. Speer, Jean Morgan, Dr. Osaro

**Member Absent:** Dr. York

**Others Present:** Jenny Kreiter, Michele Cullen, Barbara Voss, Darlene Fox, Grant Wilke, Cindy Kaczinski, Chance Kness

Board of Health Chairperson, Charleen Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Approval of minutes for August 21, 2008, meeting; Dr. Speer moved to accept the minutes; Jean seconded the motion; all members present were in favor; motion carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Charleen said the sanitarian has gotten a program car for his department and passed around the picture Bob had sent to the meeting (he was at a school in Ankeny).

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report.

**TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT:** Nothing to report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:** Charleen asked about the animal bites on Bob's activity report, what kind of animals these were; Vicki said they were mostly all dogs; Jean said there is a shortage of the rabies vaccine so now the State requires they be notified before the rabies vaccine can be given out, she thinks people were getting carried away with giving out rabies shots.

**GENESIS VNA & HOSPICE:** Michele discussed the "Clean Up Your Medicines Day", was spearheaded by the Substance Abuse Council, there were a lot of other partners in it, they collected 8 big black trash cans full of medicines, approximately 330 lbs worth, it was very successful this first year so they're planning it for next year; Jean asked what they did with it all that; Michele said they took it to Scott County because we don't have anything for that kind of disposal, Scott County system is they dig a hole and bury it so it stays in that area rather than breaking it down and having it get into the water supply, what they're looking for next year is a system like Ames has that basically is an incinerator but it's supposed to be environmentally free, and they did have an officer and a public health nurse going around to the assisted living centers; (on her annual report) Charleen said she was impressed with their percentages of immunizations that were accomplished; Michele praised Chris McClimon for that, she does a wonderful job and she's been doing this for a long time, discussed flu clinics, currently targeting the elderly and school age children, 67% is usually given to the elderly, this year it may be lower because they are trying to target the elementary school children, last year they did a pilot project in Davenport and did three of the elementary schools, this year they have more funding and have expanded the program to Davenport elementary and they're piloting Clinton school elementaries, so if you hear anything in the counties on why they are only doing Clinton elementaries and not the rest of the county, it's because it's a pilot this year and we'll see how these go, for this reason they are doing them during school and not in the afternoon after school so parents could come too, they've had a lot of input from other States too on what they do for the school programs, Clinton VNA Foundation is funding the vaccinations in the Clinton schools this year; some discussion on all this.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES:** Nothing to report.

**HILLCREST/WIC:** Cindy said Hillcrest will be in charge of the four county (Clinton, Jackson, Jones and Cedar Counties) grant for child health services (Well Child), it was originally being done by Community Health of Jones County but through a buy out or merger whoever bought them did not want to continue to administer that grant, the State approached Hillcrest to do it because they did Maternal Health and WIC in all those counties, it was February or March when they signed the contract to administer this grant, they do still contract with Genesis VNA to provide the services in Clinton County, Kati McNeme was hired by Hillcrest to be the I-Smile Coordinator for this grant, the purpose of the I-Smile program is to establish dental homes for children in these counties, they contract with another dental hygienist in Clinton County (Kati does Jones, Cedar & Jackson) to provide dental screenings, fluoride applications, and they make referrals if children need to have more extensive work done on their teeth, Kati oversees all of that and she has contacted all the dentists in all the counties to work on dental vouchers, if there are any children who are not insured or under insured she has contracts with them to see children excepting the Medicaid

rate, that is covered by the Title 5 grant, otherwise they use their insurance to cover their dentistry, she thinks Kati has done very good but in Clinton County not so good, there are 12 dental offices in Clinton Co. and only 2 are accepting Medicaid (in DeWitt and Calamus - and they will only see rural people), none are in the city of Clinton, that was as of September when Kati sent you this letter, since then we do have one dentist who said he will see school aged children only who have Medicaid, he will only do it 2 days out of the month in the mornings, and if they "no show" for that appointment he will **not** see them again; discussed the no show rate and the Medicaid reimbursement; Cindy said dental screenings on children going into kindergarten and ones entering high school is now a mandate, any children who are transferring to Iowa from out of state are also going to be required to have a dental screening, Kati is working on plans for what needs to be done and coming up with an audit form, there will be to be an audit done by June 30th of next year, she's talked with Chris McClimon and some of the other public health agencies in the areas to see if they will be able to help with some of those audits too, she's even talking about trying to set up screening within the schools, she did screen all the public health nurses that we have contracts with and taught all of them how to do dental screenings because they can do them also, hopefully with their help we can get some of the schools to do dental screenings right in the school but not sure if this includes fluoride applications, WIC does have a dental hygienist who comes into their office 3 days a month and does screenings and fluoride applications for on all the children, Kati just wrote a grant with Delta Dental and the purpose of it is to provide a program called "Give Kids a Smile Day" to get dentists to work with her to provide preventive care, she's encouraging the dentists to provide the follow up care that needs to be done at no expense to the family because this is for the underinsured or non insured children, she has gotten three dentists in Clinton Co. to participate with her on that, they will see a total of 19 children, Katie will look at the screenings and pick the children who will be in that, she's also writing an Empowerment grant to receive some funding to possibly go into the pre-schools for screenings (also teaching how to brush teeth), she believes mandated screening has to be within a year before they enter kindergarten.

**CLINTON SCHOOLS:** Darlene discussed getting the dental screenings done at the high school especially since the nurses can't do them only a hygienist, physician or dentist can, at elementary school the nurses can do them, she's really concerned about that getting done at the high school, she has about 1250 students to do and has only gotten 49 forms back as of yesterday and they gave them until December 1st to get them in; Cindy said Kati is talking about coming to the high school and doing the screenings; Darlene said that would be great, they are doing flu shots in the Clinton Schools (also for employees and their families), they just sent out forms so haven't gotten any back yet, they also sent out letters to the physicians telling them about this so they can encourage their patients to do this, they are trying to reduce absenteeism, also doing vision screenings.

**MENTAL HEALTH/BRIGEVUE:** Nothing to report.

**EMPOWERMENT/DECAT:** Jenny said they had an early childhood team meeting this week and a conference with the I-Smile dental coordinator that was funded by Empowerment dollars so preschool providers and in home daycare providers had access to the dental care, Empowerment is working hard to ensure that the Legislature knows what we do in our two county area so they will advocate support of the dental care for children 0-5, she also coordinates on D-Cat and they have a different set of dollars, the Community Circle of Care is trying to get started in Clinton Co., they have one staff person hired and they will focus on families and children with serious emotional disruption or mental health issues, they are directly connected to the University of Iowa, by having the Circle of Care here we'll have more access for families of children with behavioral issues to the University of Iowa, so what that means to providers is our families and children will get care sooner, she knows they will be housed in the City of Clinton, a little more about Empowerment - we are funding the child care nurse consultant, they're committed to that program, it enhances the health and safety of the children off the Childcare Quality Rating System, so we know our children are getting quality daycare/preschool experiences and that engulfs child health, child safety and education.

**COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA/ CHORE:** Nothing to report.

**NEW DIRECTIONS:** Nothing to report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Chance discussed going to Jackson Co. to unbox things in their (emergency) trailer, wanting to see how long it would take to set up and get it better arranged, figure out what other storage equipment they needed (bins and things for storing), with 8 people it took an hour and 15 minutes to set up (that was with taking everything out of the boxes for the first time), he thinks it will be faster in the future, the special needs cots are an improvement over an Army style cot, they're a lot bigger, he's glad all 50 of ours are special needs, Alliant Energy (Ken Sievertson) has been helping him with electric service, they are doing evaluations on various buildings in the area that could be used as shelters so they can find out what kind of power they need (single phase/three phase), what size of generator, so they can better prepare for things like the winter storms we had last year, last year the shelters we did have didn't have emergency power, they need to have all this planned so they have enough

generators if and when there really is an emergency; Charleen said she was impressed with the trailer and the contents; Chance said the special needs cots take up more room but they are still thinking about getting a couple of folding tables and chairs and things there too, then he mentioned that the trailer is now being housed at the County Sheriff's DeWitt Annex and then he thinks it's suppose to go to the new Engineer's building that's being built in DeWitt right now.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Barb Voss discussed the standardization and movement toward accreditation, their goal is by July 1, 2012 (?), we will have the Department itself accredited and one public health agent, in order to do that it's quite a lot of effort, right now we're in the process of five committees looking at the measures for the standards, so that's a subgroup, she's participating in a group that's looking at the whole concept of accreditation (how long you'll be accredited for, what you have to accomplish to be accredited), and then there's looking at how can we fund it so that counties can be able to achieve this, these plannings are all under way, hopefully by next summer their work will be done and they can begin to begin the final steps to total accreditation, they believe it's really important, there is no other medical profession that doesn't have standards so this just lends credibility to the work that we are doing, to the public and the policy makers as well, this is also a national movement not just in Iowa, we know the time is coming so we're hoping that by being one of the leaders in the country that we will be able to take what we have designed here in Iowa and get it grandfathered in for National Health(?) accreditation as well, we believe we know what Iowa needs better than what the east coast thinks Iowa needs, the whole purpose of it is to improve the quality of the care.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Grant thanked all of the BOH members for their services, he really appreciates people who give of their services, he told Jean that we need to get this dental care for our children and find some way to get this done, whether it means writing letters or calling people who are behind the money, but be aggressive and don't give up, he also discussed helping the GI's and their families, the divorce rate for GI's, the life changing experiences they have living through a war, and high among the needs are their family health benefits; Charleen spoke for the BOH on thanking him for all he's done as a Supervisor.

**OTHER:** There was no other business to discuss so the next meeting date was set for December 11, 2008, at the Administration Building, Supervisor's Room "B" at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Speer moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Osaro seconded the motion; all members present were in favor; motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:35 a.m.